

Mexico Balks at Title Guaranty For Americans

State Department Attitude on Property Holdings and Insistence on Treaty of Commerce Shocks Capital

Japan's Stand a Factor

Plan to Include Problem in Arms Parley Expected to Hasten Recognition

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MEXICO CITY, Oct. 2.—Reports of the interview between Representative Hudspeth, of Texas, and Under Secretary Fletcher of the State Department, in which the Secretary was quoted as saying that Mexico must put in black and white a guaranty of all titles held by Americans and indicating recognition was still dependent on the signing of a treaty of commerce, struck the Mexican public a hard blow.

Every effort had been made in the last month to build up public opinion by means of semi-official press statements throughout the republic to the effect that the visits here of oil magnates and other notables, such as Elbert H. Gary, James W. Gerard, General George W. Goethals and General W. Wickersham, and the projected visit of Thomas W. Lamont, indicated the immediate recognition of Mexico without the necessity of signing a treaty, which President Obregon had stated publicly was both unnecessary and incompatible with national sovereignty and dignity.

Expected American Compromise

The failure of Washington to push the treaty proposal also had been interpreted as indicating that American statesmen had receded sufficiently from their former stand to be willing to compromise and accept the decisions of the Mexican Supreme Court as sufficient settlement of the petroleum question, in conjunction with the appointment of a claims commission, the Lamont negotiations and the settlement of the debt problem, while other matters would be waived as of secondary importance.

While officials were unwilling to comment today, it is known that President Obregon and others consider that recognition is a matter of great importance and believe that the present administration will be able to continue in power without it if not motivated.

Portuguese generally, while anxious for a settlement of the Mexican problem which would enable them to resume business on the old basis, were impressed favorably by the Fletcher statement, since they believe generally that recognition as a result of a withdrawal from the stand the State Department has taken would result in the loss of prestige to Americans here.

Many conservative Mexicans here hold the same view, although they believe this will postpone recognition indefinitely.

The presence of a large number of Central American diplomats gathered here for the centennial celebration of Mexico's independence which ended today was expected to strengthen Obregon's hand, since throughout the ceremonies there has been an increasing number of Latin-American unity, and leading Mexican officials believe they can count on the support of South Americans in case of trouble with the United States. One of the points in the Mexican officials' report, widely circulated here, that Japan is likely to insist that the Mexican question come before the disarmament conference and that Washington was willing to extend recognition without a treaty in order to avoid this necessity.

May Urge Obregon to Yield

A small group of Mexicans here has been discussing the advisability of sending a committee to Washington in an effort to arrive at a settlement from that end. This movement, it is understood, has not met with any encouragement from Washington. It is probable, therefore, that the matter will be taken up with Obregon in an effort to induce him to accede to the Washington treaty, although the success of such a move is considered highly problematical in view of Obregon's reiterated stand against agreeing to a treaty.

The attitude of Under Secretary Fletcher toward the Supreme Court decision in the Texas Company case generally pleased oil men here, indicating to them that the State Department had not been deceived by what is considered here a partial settlement on to a wide range of interpretations later. An anti-American reaction in the press is considered likely.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 2. (By The Associated Press.)—"The Mexican Post," an English-language newspaper published by the owner of the "El Financiero," a few days ago published the following editorial:

"Mexico has no worse enemies to-day than those American men who are so highly placed they may be in financial or other places, who hold out baseless hopes and assurances that recognition by the United States will be extended to Mexico on other bases than by treaty, than those which have been publicly set forth by Washington, or who represent that huge loans may be obtained by Mexico for the purpose of repaying the debt of the nation."

"Mexico's true friends can only hope that her officials do not accept these promises and statements at more than their face value, which is nil. It is impossible for Mexico to pay a foreign loan. No responsible foreign banking group will undertake to underwrite a Mexican loan before Mexico is recognized by the United States. No money will be loaned Mexico without the assent of the United States government. No genuinely serious offer to loan Mexico money has yet been advanced to the Mexican government, and it is now before it for consideration."

Visitors Called Super-Optimistic

"These are facts, not bubbles. Hard, unmovable facts will persist and endure consideration when all the bubbles which are being blown by super-optimistic American callers at the National Palace have vanished into thin air."

The presence of a number of Latin-American diplomats in Mexico City throughout September revived old rumors of a formal Latin-American Federation embracing the republics of South and Central America and Mexico. For years this has been a pet scheme of numerous Latin-American diplomats, and it was reported that such a union was the subject of frequent discussion among the various foreign representatives during their stay here. So far, however, nothing has been accomplished, and it is now before it for consideration.

A union of the Central American republics with Mexico, as suggested in a statement which the New Castle Hotel in Mexico City, Rafael Cardenas Jimenez, gave out at Havana Thursday last, has elicited nothing but humorous comments here. Mexico, it is pointed

out, is not a nation, but a collection of states, each with its own obligations, rather than expanding them. Senator Jimenez in the statement in question is reported to have said that, while the insurmountable obstacles to the proposed Central American union, a popular movement had been started in the Central American republics for annexation to Mexico. He indicated that efforts were being made to bring the republics which were supporting this idea.

The festivities incident to the centennial of Mexico's independence were definitely ended today with the departure of President Obregon for Vera Cruz, where he will personally say farewell to the officers and crew of the Argentine battleship "Sarmiento" and several foreign delegations. He will return to Mexico City at the end of the week.

Gloom was cast on the concluding festivities by the sudden death of the Brazilian ambassador, Dominguiz Marques de Azevedo, whose body now lies in state in the Foreign Relations building. The funeral will take place tomorrow. Burial will be in the French cemetery.

Central American Union Is Ratified by Guatemala

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Ratification by Guatemala of the Central American Union, the Federation of Central America, was formally consummated at Guatemala City yesterday, according to official dispatch received today by Minister Bianchi.

"This is the final official amalgamation of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras into one nation," Dr. Bianchi declared. "The population of the three countries has a total of 4,000,000, both of which will be much increased when Costa Rica and Nicaragua join the federation."

Meyer Committee To Resume Police Inquiry To-morrow

Brown and Assistants Spend Sunday Investigating Department Activities; To Delve Into Honorary Jobs

Elon R. Brown, chief counsel to the Meyer legislative committee investigating New York City affairs, and engaged at present in examining the conduct and activities of the Police Department, was engaged yesterday with his assistants in preparing for the sessions of the committee that will be resumed to-morrow.

While Mr. Brown was not ready to make any addition to his statement of Saturday, in which he stated that thirty special copulies and honorary officials and professional men whose public usefulness as volunteer members of the police force has long since ceased, it is understood that the committee will pursue its police inquiries without delay.

In his statement of Saturday, Mr. Brown suggested the possibility that many of these special and honorary officials, some of whom represent great wealth and influence in business affairs, might be useful to the Police Department in connection with the investigation of the claims commission, the Lamont negotiations and the settlement of the debt problem, while other matters would be waived as of secondary importance.

When asked if this was to be the line of questioning to be pursued, or if the honorary policemen were to be called to the witness stand, Mr. Brown replied that he was not issuing a forecast of his plans.

Police Commissioner Enright has already testified to having received \$12,000 from Allan A. Ryan in the proceeds of a stock transaction in which the Commissioner put up \$5,000 and Ryan put up \$7,000, and having received the loan from John A. Hunsicker, a special deputy, or an auto, for his personal use.

The publication of Mr. Brown's statement on this subject of the police situation is believed to be, nevertheless, the forerunner of further testimony on the other than police duty relations between the Police Department and its honorary attachés.

Police Hunt Brother of Woman Strangled Here

Denial Made Harry Townsend Identified Body as His Report to Family in Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 2.—The Cambridge police said to-night that they were looking for Harry F. Townsend, brother of the woman strangled here, of this city, to question him concerning the death of his sister, Miss Margaret Townsend, whose body was found in a closet in a New York City rooming house last Thursday.

Townsend, the police asserted, had been a close companion of his sister, last Thursday he showed to a brother a newspaper account of the finding of the girl's body and announced his intention of going to New York. The next day the brother said he got a telephone call from Harry, who said he was in New York and that he had identified the body as that of Margaret. The New York authorities reported that they had heard nothing from Townsend and that the body had been identified by a sister.

Captain Carey of the Police Department homicide bureau said last night that he had not seen the body of the murdered woman or been in this city since its discovery. The partial identification of the body as that of Margaret Townsend was made by a sister living in Brooklyn and by a dentist at Cambridge who recognized some dental work he had done.

Norfolk Negroes, Fearing Klan, Refuse to Return

Ka-Klux Warning Keeps Five Huddled From Homes in Bruce Park

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 2.—Despite the assurance from the police that they would be protected, negroes who left Bruce Park Friday night after warnings against being sent by the Ku-Klux Klan that they would be burned, refused to spend another night under their own roofs. The police succeeded in getting some of the refugees to return to their homes this morning, but to-night they again became panic-stricken and fled.

The police say more than 500 negroes are homeless as a result of the warnings. The negroes say they are being blamed for a murder committed two weeks ago by a negro who is unknown to them. The police say that the Ku-Klux Klan is the man killed. The Ku-Klux Klan, it is charged, declared the murderer was hiding in Bruce Park and would be invaded, their homes burned and a dozen negroes killed unless the murderers were surrendered.

Four of 12 Shot In Klan Fight Are Near Death

Sheriff, Mortally Wounded. Says He Begged Leaders to Take Off Masks and He'd Let Them Parade

Citizens Blame His Posse

Demand Texas Prosecutor File Charges, But He Refuses; Jury To Be Called

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE
WACO, Tex., Oct. 2.—Four of the twelve men wounded in last night's battle between Sheriff Rob Buchanan's posse and Ku-Klux Klan paraders at Lorena, fourteen miles south of here, are not expected to live until morning. The fight grew out of the Sheriff's attempt to break up the parade.

Sheriff Buchanan, thought to be mortally wounded with a bullet in his right breast and another in his leg, today placed the blame for the fray on the Klan members, with whom he begged and pleaded, he says, not to parade.

"I told them if they would just let me see the faces of the two leaders, so I would know who was responsible, if they persisted in violating the law by marching through the streets in disguise, I would let the parade go on," said the Sheriff, lying on his cot in a local hospital today.

Says He Pleaded for Honor
"I pleaded with them for more than an hour before the parade started, and when they refused to obey the only thing for me to do was to stop them. That's what I tried to do, and that's the last I saw of them," he said.

The Sheriff denied that any county officials had advised him to stop the parade, saying that he was acting entirely on his own initiative.

Citizens of Lorena today held a mass meeting, at which the entire blame for last night's tragedy was placed on the Sheriff. After the meeting a delegation of about the most prominent citizens of that section of the county came to Waco by automobile, bearing a statement signed by all those who attended the meeting.

The statement, which was read by B. T. Ticey, requesting that he be charged against the Sheriff for disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace and shooting and cutting with intent to kill.

To Let Grand Jury Act
Ticey refused to file any charges, saying that he preferred to wait until the condition of the victims was definitely known, at which time he would file charges against the Sheriff.

When the grand jury met this morning, after which he said a special grand jury would be called to investigate the tragedy at the condition of the worst wounded victims was known. It is feared that probably four will die, including the Sheriff, before morning, and the judge said that such an event would bear materially on the nature of the inquiry and the charges, if any, that are filed.

WACO, Tex., Oct. 2.—The crowd of 3,000 who had gathered to witness the parade saw the column of white-clad figures begin their march toward Lorena, down the road leading in from Waco.

As the marchers advanced cheers from the crowds which lined the road greeted them, mingled with shouts and jeers from those admonishing the Sheriff not to interfere.

When the leader of the column, bearing an American flag, reached a point a block from the main business street of the town, Sheriff Buchanan, followed by his two deputies and a crowd of curious spectators, halted the standard-bearer and attempted with him to attempt to snatch the mask from his face.

Other marchers then came to the assistance of their leader and in the melee which followed the Sheriff was knocked down.

A single pistol shot was heard and as the Sheriff fought his way to his feet fifteen or twenty more shots were fired in rapid succession and almost a dozen men fell wounded.

Sheriff Felled Fighting
Sheriff Buchanan unsheathed his knife and was heard to exclaim: "Somebody got me in the back while I was down." The sheriff quickly cleared a space around him, but soon after he was seen to stagger and fall. Robbed of his shield, he lay on the ground, and the marchers quickly formed into line and marched off into the darkness.

Several bystanders, who seized and held Sheriff Buchanan to his feet, aided Sheriff Buchanan to his feet.

All of the wounded, except Sheriff Buchanan, were reported to have been injured by the marchers and today could give no information as to the assault. They are well known here and at Lorena.

J. H. Willis, local attorney, acting as spokesman for the Lorena delegation which called on the County Attorney today, charged that the Sheriff and his deputies precipitated a "promiscuous shooting and cutting affair which endangered the lives of Lorena men, women and children."

Statement Is Issued
"In order that the world may know the facts, we desire to make public the following statement," said the resolution presented to the County Attorney.

"First: We do not believe that the members of the Ku-Klux Klan who forced the parade violated any law or that they had any intention of violating any law."

"Second: We attempted to prevail upon the Sheriff of this county and his deputies through the medium of doctors of law to refrain from interfering with the parade to be held, guaranteeing that it would be law-abiding and orderly."

"Third: We induced the leaders of the parade to kneel to the Sheriff's demand that two of the paraders should be unmasked."

"Fourth: We induced the Sheriff to permit the parade to proceed, and we attempted to keep the lives of our women and children."

"Fifth: We unhesitatingly place the blame for the shedding of blood on the Sheriff."

Norfolkans Praised
"Sixth: We admire and we honor the spirit and the individual that kept the American flag from being trampled to the earth."

"Seventh: We conclude by affirming our belief in the preservation of America for Americans and by offering tribute to the little band of men who last night showed by their calm and determined action that their lives supported this principle."

Utah Quakes Subside, But Exodus Continues

All Brick Structures in Monroe and Elsinore Abandoned; Property Damage \$100,000

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Oct. 2.—After more than fifty hours of recurrent earthquakes and shocks and almost continuous trembling, the seismic disturbances at Richfield, Elsinore and Monroe, twelve miles south of Salt Lake City, have subsided. Property damage at Elsinore and Monroe is estimated at more than \$100,000. The exodus of residents from the three towns continued throughout the day.

Those who have not left Elsinore and Monroe have abandoned all brick and stone structures. School sessions were to resume at Elsinore to-morrow. With the passing of twenty-four hours and no recurrence of the shocks the suspense which had gripped the people was noticeably disappearing, and those who had taken refuge here were talking to-night of returning to their homes in Monroe and Elsinore to-morrow. Not a brick or stone structure remains intact in either Elsinore or Monroe, it is said, and several residences and business houses are wrecks.

No serious personal injuries have been recorded.

Farmer Killed in Fight Over Insult to Soldier

Strikes Head on Table When Felled by Fist of Friend of Doughboy

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 2.—Resenting an affront to the United States army uniform in a front street restaurant this afternoon, John Cunningham, forty-eight years old, a laborer, struck Frank Dunn, fifty-four years old, farmer, on the chin. Dunn reeled and pitched forward. His forehead struck the corner of a table. He fell to the floor dead. Cunningham was arrested for manslaughter.

The soldier was Harry J. Brown, alias Brown, of Glen Falls, who is now in the Rochester hospital, fractured at Madison Park, Sackett Harbor. Brown has been spending a ten-day furlough here.

When the soldier entered the restaurant Dunn insulted him by saying why he did not get out of the soldier's clothes and "be a man."

Cunningham interrupted the line of abuse and, when Dunn turned his epithets on him, he struck.

Two Men Shot in Craps Game. Go to Hospital for Treatment

Two men, who gave their names as Edward Gaffney, twenty-five years old, of 300 First Avenue, and Walter McGuire, of 377 First Avenue, went to police headquarters to-morrow for treatment of gunshot wounds.

Gaffney had been shot in the chest and left arm and remained at the hospital. McGuire had a bullet wound in his right arm and a fractured leg. He was able to leave for home after being attended by a surgeon.

The men refused to say who shot them, but they were seen in a craps game in the rear of 420 East Eighteenth Street, which is said to have broken up in a fight, in which several shots were fired.

Two Killed as Historic Hotel In Capital Burns

5 Injured and Many More Imperilled as Flames Trap Sleeping Guests; Many Forced to Leap

Employees Show Heroism

National, Oldest Hostelry in Washington, Was Once Home of Nation's Leaders

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE
WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Fire, which broke out early this morning on the fourth floor of the old National Hotel, the first built in Washington, destroyed the building, with a loss of more than \$200,000. Two persons were killed.

Much history has been connected with the old National. It was built in 1827 and for almost half a century was the headquarters for leaders of Congress and the nation generally. Henry Clay made it his home when in the capital and it was there he died. Both General Jackson and President Buchanan lived there prior to their deaths. It was here that Abraham Lincoln frequently was a guest.

The two who were killed in the blaze to-day were George Lee Mason, an employee of the Shipping Board, who lived here with his brother-in-law, Benjamin S. Minor, at 1706 Connecticut Avenue, and Miss Katherine Dean, a telephone operator at the hotel.

Mason was suffocated in his bed. Miss Dean was burned to death on the third floor near the elevator shaft after she stuck to his neck, shooting the crowded elevator up and down ten times before she was able to escape.

Scores of lives were threatened by the blaze, which was the most spectacular fire seen here in years. Men and women trapped on the fourth and fifth floors screamed frantically for aid and several of them jumped. Five suffering from falls and other injuries are in hospitals.

Twenty minutes after the blaze was discovered the flames broke through the roof and spread rapidly to the rear and lower stories. Twenty-five minutes after the first alarm the second floor collapsed and the entire structure was in flames. The flames threatened the entire block.

Thirty clads rushed to the Howard House and St. James Hotel, across the street.

While flames rapidly licked through the upper floors and toward the center of the building and elevator shaft, Danny Reyes, colored elevator boy, stuck to his post, shooting the crowded elevator up and down ten times before he was able to escape.

Delias Walker, telephone operator, called every room in the building until he received an answer and completed his round as the blaze enveloped his station on the lower floor.

Death House Inmate Has Aid of Victim's Mother

Mrs. Werner Declares She Has Evidence Warmer Did Not Murder Her Son

OSHING, N. Y., Oct. 2.—It became known to-day at Sing Sing that Mrs. Linus Werner, mother of Henry Werner, whom Rutger Warmer was convicted of murdering, is endeavoring to obtain freedom for this inmate of the death house. She called at the prison Friday to talk with Warmer, and when she departed said that she had discovered new evidence which convinced her that the condemned man had not killed her son.

Warmer boarded with Werner and the latter's wife in Lion, N. Y. When Werner was found dead in a patch of woods with two bullets in his body, indications were found against Mrs. Werner and Warmer. Mrs. Werner was acquitted.

At her trial Warmer maintained that she was responsible for the death of her husband and asserted that the man had been killed with an ax in the cellar of his home. He said bullet wounds were inflicted to conceal the real cause of death. Warmer's counsel maintained that his client was mentally irresponsible and was trying to shield some one else in the case.

Alarmist Views On Foreign Trade Decried by Klein

Bureau Chief Discounts German Competition and Advises Exporters to Begin Drive for Business

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Belief that the basis of American foreign trade is sound and that American exporters should make ready to prosecute foreign trade campaigns effectively was expressed to-day by Dr. Julius Klein, director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The bureau chief advised that a "note of reassurance and encouragement" should be sounded.

Circulation of "alarmist views" is impeding commercial recovery, Dr. Klein asserted, adding that government officials who have investigated foreign trade conditions were endeavoring to combat "the unjustifiable pessimism which seems to prevail in certain circles."

"What is needed," Dr. Klein's statement continued, "is a discriminating appraisal of facts—the ability to disregard superficial appearances and penetrate to the real basis of the situation."

The condition brought about by the "adventitious" traders should not be regarded as an inherent weakness, however, Dr. Klein maintained.

He discounted strongly the much talked of German competition, describing it as "a spectre whose capacity for harm has been much exaggerated."

Department of Commerce agents have found a marked deterioration in the quality of German goods, the director said.

Fear Senate Tie-Up May Leave Nation Without a Tariff

Leaders, Alarmed at Senate Middle, Taking Steps to Have Emergency Measure Extended for Months

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—With no prospect of enactment of permanent tariff legislation for months a serious effort is to be made immediately to have the emergency tariff rates continued, it was learned to-day. The movement comes principally from the agricultural "bloc" in the Senate. Three of the members are to confer in a day or two with Chairman Fordney, of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, and they plan to develop results.

Protection members of both branches of Congress have come to the realization that the Senate is involved in one of the worst legislative mudludges in years, and that unless they put all their energies into a determined demand for at least a continuation of the emergency act, Republican tariff of any character may be entirely lost for many months.

The jam which is forcing this action, it is declared, really jeopardizes to a greater or less degree the President's entire program. Lack of party discipline and semi-destruction of party responsibility are the causes attributed, but both, it is pointed out, spring from a single basic cause, and that is the direct primary.

The refusal of the legislative machinery to function is due to a Senate and, possibly to a greater degree, a House composed of individuals rather than members of parties. The direct primary has put a great many men in Congress who have not had the slightest experience in law-making. On vital questions affecting the entire country the vote with one eye on the next Congressional election and with no thought of the party discipline that alone can bring success to any legislative program.

For proof of this contention, in addition to the tariff situation, observers point to the fact bill, it is contended by all that it will be weeks before the measure can be put in final shape for the President's signature.

The beer control bill, too, it is pointed out, has been knocked from pillar to post for months, despite the agreement to pass it. And the delay in ratification of the peace treaties. This, certainly, is not because of Democratic opposition.

Compared with the effective operating legislative machinery in the Congresses of past years, the overwhelming Republican majority in the House is of small use. Unity, almost an unknown term in that body. All day, it is claimed, is its make-up of untrained and inexperienced men sent as a result of the direct primary.

Detective Chief Said to Confess in Auto Theft

Hartford Prosecutor to Question Him Concerning Three Recent Killings

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE
HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 2.—Andrew C. Richardson, chief of detectives in the New Britain Police Department, who is in jail here with his two sons, charged with receiving automobiles stolen for the bootlegging traffic, has declared in court his intention of questioning Richardson concerning three recent murders, all of which are believed to have resulted from the bootlegging traffic.

Three saloonkeepers under arrest in connection with the shootings are said to have confessed, but the state police, who have charge of the entire affair, do not believe the confessions.

Jacob Winkle, nephew of Louis Winkle, the victim in the last of the three killings, is in jail here and has a long talk to-day with the state police, of the state police, a newspaper took down Winkle's statement.

Several men who have been held as material witnesses have been released. The state police intend to interrogate Gladys Andrews, of New Britain, concerning her acquaintance with Jacob Winkle.

THE STORY OF REVILLON FURS

Icing the Sled Runners

These Indians have turned their loaded sled upside down and are icing the runners to make it easier to pull. They frequently do this by spraying water from their mouths just as a Chinese laundryman sprinkles clothes for ironing. The spray freezes instantly in the low temperature coating the runner with smooth hard ice.

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